Remarks

The Examiner's allowance of claims 8 - 18 in the application is noted with appreciation.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, as unpatentable over Albu in view of Rimkus. These claims have been cancelled.

The Examiner has noted within the body of the action that claim 3 is objected to as dependent on a rejected base claim, which applicant notes with appreciation. The applicant believes that prior argument with respect to claim 3 has been accepted and the references to the rejection of claim 3 on the action cover sheet and in paragraph 2 are erroneous. However, claim 3 has been cancelled as redundant in form with claim 8 if amended to independent form including all of the limitations of claim 1 from which it depended.

The Examiner's objection to claims 6 and 7 is rendered moot by their cancellation.

Based on the amendments made and the argument presented herein, the applicant believes that all claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance and action by the Examiner in that regard is requested.

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